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# H. R. 4847

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain amounts received by the United States pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2000

Mr. DOOLEY of California (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. RADANOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This title may be cited as the “Reclamation Reform  
5       Refund Act of 2000”.

6       **SEC. 2. REFUND OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS RECEIVED UNDER**  
7       **RECLAMATION REFORM ACT OF 1982.**

8       (a) REFUND REQUIRED.—Subject to the availability  
9       of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior is author-

1 ized and directed to refund fully amounts received by the  
2 United States as payments for charges assessed by the  
3 Secretary before January 1, 1994, for failure to file or  
4 properly file certain certification or reporting forms pursu-  
5 ant to sections 206 and 224(c) of the Reclamation Reform  
6 Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)) prior to the re-  
7 ceipt of irrigation water. Such refunds shall be made re-  
8 gardless of whether such payments were required by the  
9 United States, were made pursuant to a compromise or  
10 settlement (whether court approved or otherwise), or were  
11 otherwise received by the United States. Any refund  
12 issued pursuant to this subsection shall include the  
13 amount of associated interest assessed by the Secretary  
14 and paid to the United States pursuant to section 224(i)  
15 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 390ww(i)).

16 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.—Except with respect to  
17 the 1987 water year, refunds made pursuant to subsection  
18 (a) shall be reduced by an administrative fee of \$260 for  
19 each failure to file a certification or reporting form.

20 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22 \$3,000,000.

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